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Wilson DURANGO Lopez, prominent Communist leader in the University of Guayaquil, made the following statements during the latter part of September 1953:

- a. Some weeks ago Franklin PEREZ Castro published an advertisement in the newspaper El Universo in which he informed the public that tickets to the raffle which he was promoting (for the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE)) had been counterfeited. This advertisement further stated that the falsification had been brought to the attention of the Police Commissioner.
- b. These tickets were printed in Quito by the "Gallinazos" (Communist term for members of the Accion Revolucionaria Nacional Ecuatoriana (ARNE)). The "Gallinazos" were also responsible for an attempt several months ago to burn the Communist newsstand in Guayaquil. The matter of the counterfeit tickets was a topic of the day in Quito.
- c. The PCE is badly divided at present, and this division is due principally to the "diversionist tactics" of Alfredo VERA Vera, who sustained a false position that the Communists should ally themselves with any group opposed to Dr. Carlos GUEVARA Moreno.
- d. VERA has forgotten his loyalty to the PCE and has undertaken a campaign of hate and mud-slinging.
- e. The PCE has thoroughly studied the VERA case and is now drawing up the necessary papers to expel VERA, as well as his supporters, Ana MORENO, Elias SAFADI, Vicente ITURRALDE Rivera, and others.
- f. The PCE has been transformed and "revitalized" as a result of the publication of the resolutions of the Fifth PCE Congress, held in Ambato in July 1952.
- g. The PCE membership has great faith in the work plans of Rafael ECHEVERRIA Flores, Quito Communist, who is the rising star of the Party leadership.

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